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DRAFT FOR A COUNCIL DIRECTIVE ON PILOTING OF VESSELS BY DEEP-SEA PILOTS IN THE NORTH SEA AND ENGLISH CHANNEL

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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DRAFT . FOR A

Council Directive on piloting of vessels by deep-sea pilots
in the North Sea and English Channel

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic
Community, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Commission's draft,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Recalling that the European Council on 7/8 April 1978 declared that the
Community must make it a major object to prevent and combat
marine pollution, in particular by hydrocarbons, and whereas the
European Council on 6/7 July 1978 reaffirmed the need to intensify
action to prevent and combat marine pollution, particularly by
hydrocarbons, and in addition considered it necessary, having regard
to the proposals from various Member States and from the Commission,
that further measures be taken to increase the safety of seaborne
traffic;

Whereas for the sake of safety at sea and of preventing marine
pollution it is necessary to ensure that vessels using the services
of pilots in the North Sea and English Channel can call on
properly qualified deep-sea pilots, and to promote the employment
of such pilots in vessels flying the flags of Member States;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

1. The Member States which are North Sea or English Channel coastal states shall take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that vessels availing themselves of the services of a pilot for pilotage in the North Sea or English Channel may be provided with adequately qualified deep-sea pilots in possession of a certificate delivered by a competent authority of a Member State certifying that such pilots are qualified to pilot vessels in the North Sea and the English Channel.
2. Each Member State shall take all necessary and appropriate measures to encourage vessels flying its national flag which seek pilotage to avail themselves, in the North Sea and the English Channel, only of the services of the deep-sea pilots referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 2

After consulting the Commission, Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 January 1980. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

Statements for entry in the minutes of the Council meeting at which the Directive is finally adopted

Re Article 1: ~

The Council and the Commission state that the Member States will be guided, in applying Article 1 of this Directive, by the content of the agreements to be concluded by the North Sea coastal States' pilotage authorities as far as the qualifications of pilots are concerned.

In the context of IMCO a proposal for a recommendation will be submitted asking international shipping to avail itself, when seeking the assistance of deep-sea pilots in the North Sea or the English Channel, only of the services of deep-sea pilots in possession of the certificate referred to in Article 1 of the Directive.

